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SUBJECT: SPANISH RELATIONS WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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1. JOAQUIN CERVINO, MINISTER AT SPANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON
CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE MARCH 15 TO
INFORM USG THAT SPAIN WAS WITHDRAWING ITS CHARGE FROM
MALABO. CERVINO STATED THAT SPAIN WAS CONCERNED FOR
THE SAFETY OF THE SEVERAL HUNDRED SPANIARDS WHO REMAIN
IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA. BECAUSE OF US GLOBAL INTERESTS
AND REGIONAL INFLUENCE HE WISHED TO SEEK AMERICAN SYMPATHY
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AND SUPPORT. CERVINO STATED THAT SPAIN HAD NOT BROKEN OFF
RELATIONS, BUT WOULD MAINTAIN THEM AT VERY LOW LEVEL. HE
SAID SOME PERSONNEL WERE EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT EMBASSY IN
MALABO. CERVINO DID NOT REPEAT NOT CHARACTERIZE THIS AS
SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS.

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2. EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING, SCHAUFEELE NOTED THAT THERE WAS

LITTLE US COULD DO, BUT THAT WE WILL COOPERATE WITH SPAIN
AS NECESSARY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT SPAIN
CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS OF GABON, CAMEROON AND NIGERIA
SHOULD FURTHER PROBLEMS ARISE WITH GOEG.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM MADRID
OF REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL THAT GOS WILL OFFICIALLY AND
PUBLICALLY DESCRIBE WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGE AS SUSPENSION
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THAT ALL DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

4. AFRICAN ADDRESSES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USG HAS
PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS FOR
GOS REGARDING EVACUATION OF SPANISH NATIONALS SHOULD THIS
BECOME NECESSARY.
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